

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: It is stated that the total number of beds is 839. May I know where the remaining in-patients are accommodated?

DR. K. P. RAMAN PILLAI: Mostly on the floor.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know whether there is any proposal for increasing the number of beds?

PRESIDENT: That is a suggestion for future action.

MR. K. P. KOCHU KORA THARAKAN: മമ്മന്ന നെക്കാൾ മമ്മന്റെ ചികിത്സിച്ചവരുടെ സംഖ്യ കുറവായിക്കാണുന്നതിന് കാരണം എന്താണ്?

DR. K. P. RAMAN PILLAI: We are trying to limit the admissions according to the equipments.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (Nominated): May I know how the remaining 359 in-patients are accommodated?

PRESIDENT: He said 'on the floor.'

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: തറയിലാണെന്നു പറഞ്ഞു. അതു വരുന്ന കൂടി ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തിയല്ലേ?

DR. K. P. RAMAN PILLAI: Wherever there is available space.

Pay Ward of the General Hospital.

213. *MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN (Chirayinkil cum Nedumangad): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of rooms available in the Pay Ward of the General Hospital?

DR. K. P. RAMAN PILLAI: Seven (including 3 side rooms attached to the General Ward).

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether the number of beds available is sufficient to meet the demands?

DR. K. P. RAMAN PILLAI: They are not sufficient at present.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether additional rooms will be provided as early as possible?

DR. K. P. RAMAN PILLAI: Yes.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: മുൻ സൈഡ് റൂം ഉണ്ടെന്നു പറഞ്ഞല്ലോ. ഈ സൈഡ് റൂം റെക്കിടക്കയുള്ള സൈഡ് റൂംസാണോ?

DR. K. P. RAMAN PILLAI: The side rooms have not got all the comforts of a real pay ward, but they are separate from the ordinary pay ward. There is accommodation only for the patient; there is no accommodation, or convenience for the attendants. In the ordinary pay ward there will be accommodation for the attendants also.

Pay wards in hospitals.

214. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (Tiruvalla): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rooms in the pay ward attached to the General Hospital, Trivandrum, the Women and Children's Hospital, Trivandrum, the District Hospital, Kottayam and the District Hospital Tiruvalla, respectively;

(b) the year in which the pay ward attached to the General Hospital, Trivandrum, was constructed ;

(c) the total number of in-patients in the above said four hospitals respectively in 1116 ; and

(d) whether they have or the departmental head has considered the desirability of providing more accommodation for in-patients who are prepared to pay for such special conveniences ?

DR. K. P. RAMAN PILLAI :

	Number.
(a) General Hospital	7
Women & Children's Hospital	9
District Hospital, Kottayam	...
District Hospital, Tiruvalla	2
(b) Four rooms were opened in 1093 M. E. and 3 rooms in 1098 M. E.	

	No. of in-patients.
(c) General Hospital	18,828
Women & Children's Hospital	12,327
District Hospital, Kottayam	4,736
District Hospital, Tiruvalla	1,501
(d) No.	

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : In view of the large increase of in-patients and in view of the provision of specialists for medical aid in the General Hospital, may I know from the honourable member why they have not considered the question of increasing the number of pay wards hitherto ?

DR. K. P. RAMAN PILLAI : That is due to want of funds. The question will be dealt with as soon as the financial position improves.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know from the honourable member the total income which the department is getting from the 7 rooms that are in existence at present ?

DR. K. P. RAMAN PILLAI : I claim notice.

Public Service.

215. * **MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR :** Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(a) whether, for recruitment to public service, there is any rule that if the turn of any particular community is passed over for want of suitable candidates, such community should get the benefit of the vacancy so forfeited, when candidates from that community come forward subsequently ;

(b) whether the turns of any, and if so, which communities were passed over since 21-9-1940 ;

(c) the communities that took the turns to fill up such vacancies ; and

(d) whether the communities that were so passed over subsequently got the benefit of the vacancy forfeited ?